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SHIPPING LINE BETWEEN INDIA BRAZIL AND SOUTH AFRICA .
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for a shipping-line between India, Brazil and South Africa is under consideration of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of agreement signed in this regard; and

(c) the manner in which new sea-link will bolster the tri-lateral trade among the countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c): No Sir, there is no proposal for a shipping-line between India, Brazil and South Africa under consideration of the Union Government. However, a trilateral Agreement among India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) on Merchant Shipping and other Maritime transport related matters was signed during the first IBSA Summit held in Brazil on 13th September, 2006. Also a bilateral agreement between India and South Africa on Merchant Shipping and other Maritime transport related matters was signed on 23rd March, 2006 at Cape Town, South Africa.

The three countries shall encourage and facilitate the development of maritime relationship between their shipping organisations and enterprises and also cooperate very closely in the task of enhancing and stimulating the steady growth of maritime traffic among their countries; exchange and training of staff and students; exchange of information necessary for accelerating and facilitating the flow of commercial goods at sea and at port and encourage the fleets, strive to eliminate obstructions and other conditions tending to prevent the development of mutual maritime cooperation and encourage and/or facilitate their private sector to collaborate with each other in the field of maritime transportation and other related maritime matters.